

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 (not claims 1-16 as indicated in the Office Action) were pending in this Application as of the Office Action of September 16, 2010. Claims 1 and 15 are respectfully amended with this Response. Claim 2 is cancelled. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for removing the 112 and 103 rejections, and indicating the allowable subject matter of claims 2, 3, 15, and 16.

Applicant respectfully notes that the amendments to the claims merely comply with the Examiner's suggestions with regards to allowable subject matter. Accordingly, an RCE should not be required to enter the amendments. The Examiner's rejections will now be addressed in turn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1, 2, and 4-14 (claim 17 was cancelled and claim 18 was not pending) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by DE19728598 to Elsner (hereinafter referred to as "Elsner").

In Response, Applicant respectfully amends claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Claim 15 has also been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the original claim 1.

For at least the above reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that Elsner neither teaches nor suggests every element of Applicant's claim 1, or claims 4-14 (2 is cancelled herewith) that depend therefore. Accordingly, Elsner does not anticipate Applicant's claims 1, 2 and 4-14.

Conclusion

All of the objections and rejections are herein overcome. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. No new matter is added by way of the present Amendments and Remarks, as support is found throughout the original filed specification, claims and drawings. Prompt issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the below listed phone number regarding this response or otherwise concerning the present application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) or 1.136(b) that may be necessary for entry and consideration of the present Reply.

If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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